

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 15, 19, 32 and 37 have been amended and claim 46 has been added by the present Amendment. Amended claims 1, 15, 19, 32 and 37 and new claim 46 do not introduce any new subject matter.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of (1) claims 1-11, 13-15, 18-28, 30-32, and 35-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,871,356 ("Chang") in view of International Patent Application Pub. No. WO/0038951 ("Mathias"); (2) claims 12 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang in view of Mathias as applied to claims 1 and 19, and further in view of French Patent Application Pub. No. 2,817,812 ("Baret"); (3) claims 16 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang in view of Mathias as applied to claims 1 and 19, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,982,996 ("Vottero-Fin"); and (4) claims 17 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang in view of Mathias as applied to claims 1 and 19, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,102,476 ("May").

CLAIMS 1-18

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that a loading point for a data storage medium for the media player is located on the side of the door opposite the display. For example, referring to Figs. 4A-4E, and page 10, line 4 – page 11, line 7 of Applicant's disclosure, the display 320 and the entertainment unit 700 are formed on opposite sides. A cover 702 on the side opposite the display can be opened to allow insertion of

a data storage medium into the device.

In contrast to the claimed embodiment, the DVD player 32 shown in Mathias includes a slot on a bottom side thereof adjacent the display for inserting a disk therein. Furthermore, Mathias does not suggest locating a loading point on a side opposite the display because the side opposite the display in Mathias is not accessible when the player is attached to the housing 80.

Accordingly, claim 1, as amended is patentable over Chang in view of Mathias.

Further, Baret, Vottero-Fin or May do not provide any teaching, suggestion or motivation to modify Chang to develop the claimed embodiment.

Therefore, none of the cited references, when taken alone or in combination, render obvious the embodiment as recited in claim 1.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over Chang in view of Mathias, and over Chang in view of Mathias and further in view of Baret, Vottero-Fin or May.

For at least the reason that claims 2-18 depend from claim 1, claims 2-18 are also submitted to be patentable over the cited references.

As such, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

CLAIMS 19-36

Claim 19 has been amended to recite that the base portion includes a media player mounted in the base portion such that a loading point for a data storage medium for the media player is concealed and the media player is behind the door when the door is in a closed position. For example, referring to Figs. 5A-5D, and page 12, line 18

– page 13, line 16 of Applicant's disclosure, the entertainment unit 800 is positioned in the base portion 410 and is situated behind closed door 402. The unit includes a cover 802 that can be opened to allow insertion of a data storage medium into the device. The cover 802 is concealed when the door 402 is closed.

In contrast to the claimed embodiment, referring to Fig. 1 of Mathias, the DVD player 32 is integrated into the housing 34. In Mathias, access to the DVD player in the housing 34 has nothing to do with the position of the screen console 38. There is simply no suggestion from the cited references to include a media player in the base portion that has the recited features.

Accordingly, claim 19, as amended is patentable over Chang in view of Mathias.

Further, Baret, Vottero-Fin or May do not provide any teaching, suggestion or motivation to modify Chang to develop the claimed embodiment.

Therefore, none of the cited references, when taken alone or in combination, render obvious the embodiment as recited in claim 19.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 is patentable over Chang in view of Mathias, and over Chang in view of Mathias and further in view of Baret, Vottero-Fin or May.

For at least the reason that claims 20-36 depend from claim 19, claims 20-36 are also submitted to be patentable over the cited references.

As such, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 19-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

CLAIMS 37-45

Claim 37 has been amended to recite that the media player mounted in the

vehicle seat headrest is connected to a data bus. For example, referring to Fig. 9, and page 15, lines 8-18 of Applicant's disclosure, a video system 1000 and a slave unit 1002 are connected via a data bus 1004, whereby the slave unit 1002 receives data to be displayed from the video system 1000 through the data bus 1004.

In contrast to the claimed embodiment, a data bus is not used in Chang or Mathias. For example, unlike the claimed embodiment, Chang uses multiple connections, but does not incorporate a data bus to transfer data. See Chang, Fig. 6. In addition, Mathias does not appear to include any disclosure regarding the use of a data bus.

Therefore, the cited references, when taken alone or in combination, do not render obvious the embodiment as recited in claim 37.

Accordingly, claim 37, as amended, is patentable over Chang in view of Mathias.

For at least the reason that claims 38-45 depend from claim 37, claims 38-45 are also submitted to be patentable over the cited references.

Additional Note Regarding Dependent Claim 40

Applicant notes that claim 40 recites a vehicle seat headrest including an opening in line with a slot in the media player for receiving a data media to be inserted in the slot. For example, referring to Fig. 6 and page 14, lines 13-19 of Applicant's disclosure, an opening 509 in the headrest aligns with a slot 902 of an entertainment device.

The Examiner states that Mathias at Fig. 5, element 81, teaches such an opening. However, the slot 81 in Mathias is not in a headrest, or in any other part of a vehicle. In contrast, the slot 81 is in the device.

Therefore, at least claim 40 is patentable in its own right over the cited references.

As such, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 37-45 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-45 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-65 of U.S. Patent No. 6,899,365 ("Lavelle"). Lavelle is commonly owned by the assignee of the instant application.

Claims 1-45 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of copending Application No. 10/438,724 ("Schedivy"). Schedivy is commonly owned by the assignee of the instant application.

Applicant requests that the double patenting rejections be held in abeyance pending disposition of the statutory rejections and possible amendments to the claims. If at such time, the Examiner maintains the double patenting rejections, Applicant will attend to responding to same. Accordingly, Applicant reserves the right to submit Terminal Disclaimers under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 to obviate the double patenting rejections. The filing of Terminal Disclaimers is not intended to be, nor should it be construed as, an admission as to the merits of the rejections.

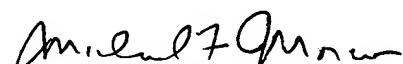
DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of all the dependent claims because Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims

presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed, *supra*, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

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